



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## September Specialist Newsletter 2023

### **Library - Mrs. Anne Carbone [a.carbone@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.carbone@cvillecatholic.org)**

We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by reading many books that are written and/or illustrated by Hispanic Authors/Illustrators. The books have ranged from humorous to informative and we have really been enjoying the variety!

JK-3 has been exploring various stories and then comparing similarities and differences between the books. K-5 has continued exploring Library procedures and location of various genres in the Library. The focus this month has been highlighting Realistic Fiction for fourth graders and Historical Fiction for fifth graders.

We are hoping to have a Virtual Book Fair featuring Christian books at some point in late October/Early November. More information will follow, if it comes together.

#### **Library Class Days**

**JK-Mrs. Shank-Monday** Mrs. Wawner-Thursday

**Kindergarten-Tuesdays and Thursdays** (Check-out on Thursday)

**First Grade-Tuesdays and Thursdays** (Check-out on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**Second Grade- Tuesdays and Thursdays** (Check-out on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**Third Grade- Wednesdays** (Check-out on Wednesday)

**Fourth Grade- Wednesdays** (Check-out on Wednesday)

**Fifth Grade- Mondays** (Check-out on Monday)

**Middle School-Open check out as needed.**

### **Physical Education - Andrew Frazier [a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org)**

**K-2:** Introducing fitness games and activities, understanding space and movement concepts and applying to game (rules.) We are still practicing the difference in running vs. jogging, speed walking, sprinting, Etc. We will continue to add different movement concepts including fitness and practicing basic fitness exercise movements as well as basic movement functions like moving backward, side shuffling, and skipping.

**3-5:** Reviewing Instant activity games that incorporate aerobic and anaerobic fitness. Introducing a few new Activities that incorporate fitness and group cooperation. This instills

teamwork and establishes rapport with classmates. We will be doing some moderate fitness tests in the coming week and have already practiced the pacer test (aerobic output) and have begun working on upper body strength (push up tests practice) and total body strength (curl up test practice and lots of exercise activities.)

**MS:** We are wrapping up our Fitness Testing and will conclude the Fitness Knowledge Unit on Monday, 10/2 when we complete the mile run on the lower soccer field. We now have some understanding of how we can manipulate our current lifestyle and apply it to achieve an “active” routine and regimen as a part of our lifestyle now and forward. While discussing these concepts, we will also engage in cooperative activities that establish class rapport, teamwork, and will help us succeed throughout our upcoming units. I am extremely proud of the hard work this group puts in and the pride they have in their performance!

**Athletics:** Boys Fall Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Cross Country are all under way and performing very well thus far. Please visit our athletics page on our website to see the schedule of athletic events and please come support our student athletes. Go Archangels!

**Art - Vanessa Devlin** [v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org)

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The month of September was filled with investigation and experimentation in the Art Studio. As Elementary students master the procedures for retrieving, using and cleaning up certain materials, new materials become available to them.

Currently, grades 2-5 have independent access to drawing, collage and painting stations on studio days. Printmaking and Fiber Arts will open in the second half of October, after students have had time to develop a deeper understanding of the Studio Habits we practice each day.

Kindergarten and First Grade students have more limited access to these materials at pre-designed table stations. They will be developing their Art vocabulary by focusing on the Elements of Art, while learning independence in the Art Studio.

Middle School students have the entire studio open to them. Anything from cardboard sculpture to oil painting to metal repousse might be going on in the studio on Tuesdays. Many students are also choosing to collaborate with a partner or a team.

We have been working on a few projects across grades, including the celebration of International Dot Day on September 15th, creating visual representations of our God-given gifts as we reflect on our school's verse for the year, celebrating Hispanic Heritage month by learning about artists from around the Spanish-speaking world and the creation of a mini-museum which will display our artists' mini-masterpieces throughout the year. Here are some pictures from around the Studio.



## Music - Kate Wisbey [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org)

Happy October! All of September, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through songs and dances for all grades from Guatemala, Mexico, Argentina, Costa Rica and More!

-If you would like to HEAR what we worked on last year and the new songs we will do this year, feel free to check out our google drive folder or our soundcloud:

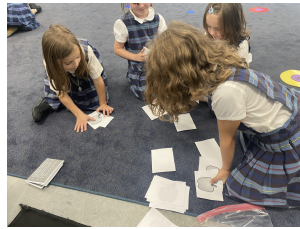
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/116qUrozIAet2GLaRoaAH4jOe-ZipnVK3> ;

<https://on.soundcloud.com/WnYk8MZrmzUBrv6V8>

**We will have two concerts this year in December; Grades 3-5 on December 12th in the evening and Grades JK-2 on December 14th in the evening, as well as a music celebration for grandparents and Great Friend's Day on Friday, May 10th.**

### K-2:

- Created "Noteman" art and talked about what type of notes there are and how many beats each note gets ( whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, whole rests, half rests, quarter rests, and eighth rests)
- Fall songs/dances- Apple Tree Dance game!
- Celebrated international Dot Day by creating our own dot song
- 2nd grade: Songs in preparation of Veteran's Day Service
- Learning about high and low on Orff instruments and how to use mallets



### 3-5:

- Learned songs and dances in English and in Spanish from Argentina and Mexico
- Puzzle with words of "Star Spangled Banner"
- Beat dancing games
- 5th grade: Songs in preparation of Veteran's Day service
- Learned names of Orff instruments and basics of how to play them
- Dances and Spanish songs from Argentina, Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica



### Middle School:

-6th grade: special visitor-Mr.Perry, Music Resource Center director, visited to explain more about the Music Resource Center—more information coming soon about field trips to the MRC

- finished presenting "Soundtrack of My life" Presentations
- began learning about Orff instruments—composing musical questions and answers
- learned websites/resources for music technology

Videos: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14WccrZyomWEXSuGgcdBeWoQRRycAHEJ9>



### **Electives:**

**Middle School Music Podcast:** -We will be sending out our first Music Podcast next month in October on Spotify and Apple Music!

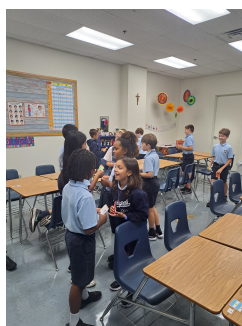
**Middle School Music Improv:** -Special Visitor: Ms.Howard did a virtual violin lesson with our students! Creating songs on Orff instruments as well as on violin and with music technology, such as soundtrap and garageband



**What's coming up in October?** Music Guest speakers from Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra, Field trips to Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra, our first music podcast comes out, halloween songs/stories, students composing ostinatos, and beginning to learn our Christmas concert songs!

## **Spanish - Mrs. Denise Demaio** [d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org)

**2nd-6th grade:** "Understanding Hispanic Heritage Month", its origin, the difference between Hispanic and Latino terms, and why it is celebrated in September in the USA. The classes have put their Spanish into practice through conversations, vocabulary and games. They have also learned some salsa movements and steps and they enjoyed it a lot. In each class we have reviewed the calendar, numbers, alphabet and weather. In the next few weeks we will focus on the topic "La casa"=The house.



**7th grade:** The seventh graders presented their projects related to a Hispanic country and learned about culture, location, flags, facts and more. Also about "Understanding Hispanic Heritage Month", its origin, the difference between Hispanic and Latino terms, and why it is celebrated in September in the USA. They also worked on a project in class related to investigating an important person in the Hispanic/Latino community, some of them were: Frida Kahlo, Lionel Messi, Shakira, Lin Manuel Miranda among others. Next week we will continue learning more and putting into practice vocabulary, conversations and grammar activities related to the theme "En la clase"= In the class, theme "El Calendario" the Calendar.

